



PRESCHOOL FOR ALL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022



How is it December already? Even though November was a short month, we did a lot in the time we had together. We have a busy month ahead of us as we prepare for the holidays!

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

In November, we began working on our Ball Study. We explored what we already know about balls and what we want to find out. We focused on the questions “Will all balls bounce?” and “Do all balls roll?”. The students were very excited to share the different types of balls they have played with and I enjoyed seeing the different activities the students did with balls during their remote learning day!

We also worked on some Thanksgiving activities. We made ourselves into Pilgrim boys and girls. We practiced our counting skills by rolling a die and counting the number of “whipped cream dollops” (cotton balls) we put on our pumpkin pie. We also talked about what we are thankful for and drew pictures of these things in our journals.

This week, we will begin working on our Social-Emotional Curriculum, Al’s Pals. Our first lesson will teach the students that everyone is unique and our second lesson will introduce us to our puppet friend, Al, who will be stopping in to help us learn some important topics over the year. The students will enjoy meeting Al and learning some new songs. Every few weeks, a parent letter will be sent home explaining some of the topics that are being introduced.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue working on our ball study. We will also enjoy some holiday activities, such as a present letter match game, a holiday counting game and a holiday bingo game.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who met with me for Parent-Teacher Conferences last week! It was so nice to see everyone and touch base about the wonderful progress all of the students have made so far!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT – GINGERBREAD HOUSES

On Monday, December 12, each student is invited to have their parents/guardians and younger siblings come to school to help make gingerbread houses. Students will arrive at school at their normal time and parents/younger siblings are invited to join us at 1:15 in the gym. Please enter through the garden like we did for pumpkin decorating. Students always have a wonderful time decorating their own gingerbread houses with a variety of candy! More information will be sent home soon.

ABSENCES

Just a reminder, please report student absences to the school office by calling (708) 423-3078. Thank you for your cooperation!

SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, December 12** – Parent Involvement: Gingerbread Houses – more details to follow
- **Wednesday, December 21** – No Early Childhood classes
- **Thursday, December 22-Friday, January 6** – Winter Break
- **Monday, January 9** – Classes resume
- **Monday, January 16** – No school – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me via Seesaw, call me at (708) 423-3078 or email me at cbrychel@ahsd125.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Colleen Brychel

Happy
Holidays!